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the category of Tamilians as those who knew to speak Tamil. May I know whether it is the language consideration or the linguistic consideration that has formed the basis of his reply? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not quite understand the distinction between 'language' and linquistic' as the hon. Member has used them. But the answer that I have given is with reference to their mother-tongue."

SRI **ALLURI VENKATARAMA RAJU** :—" ఒక ఇంగ్లీషువారున్నారని చెప్పారు. వారు ఇంగ్లీషువారా? లేక Anglo-Indian జాతివారా? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" May the hon. Member write to me so that I may find out and tell him if he is so much interested in it? "

Rural Water-supply Scheme in Krishna district.

* 189 *Q.*—SRI V. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have stayed all the works connected with wells under the Rural Water-supply Scheme from February 1953 in Krishna district, and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government have not stayed the Rural Water Supply well works in the Krishna district. But in view of depletion of the allotment made for Krishna district, the Collector was first informed by the Board of Revenue that the execution of the works which were in progress might alone be pushed through and completed. Additional funds were since provided by the Government and all the works have progressed without impediment."

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" May I know the amounts granted and spent in the year 1952–53? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In the first instance, the Board sanctioned an allotment of Rs. 2·55 lakhs, then an additional allotment (interim) of Rs. 50,000, and finally a further additional allotment of Rs. 1,50,000. Thus, the total allotment for the district works out to Rs. 4,50,000."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" In view of the fact that there is no drinking-water in many places in dry taluks, will the Government consider the desirability of providing at least one drinking-water well in each village? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The main question relates to the Krishna district."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" I put the question only about Krishna district."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Places where wells are wanted are selected for this purpose."

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SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMI :—" May I know what the nature of work is? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The nature of work is sinking of drinking-water wells and deepening of wells."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Out of the allotment made, may I know how much amount has actually been spent? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No up-to-date information is available and it won't be available till the year is out."

Gazetted Officers in Pudukkottai State.

* 190 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Gazetted officers of all departments in the former Pudukkottai State in 1947 before 3rd March 1948; and

(*b*) the number of Gazetted officers in all departments after 1st January 1949?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) There were 24 posts of Gazetted Officers including the Dewan and two Councillors in Pudukkottai during the period from 1st January 1947 to the date of merger (3rd March 1948).

" (*b*) From 1st January 1949 there have been 36 Gazetted posts including the post of one Income Tax Officer which is a Central Government post and also one post of Special Deputy Collector for Land Acquisition for Arantangi-Karaikudi Railway at Pudukkottai, since abolished from 31st December 1952."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" How many officers under clause (*a*) (Gazetted Officer's rank) have been given continuity of tenure under clause (*b*) (after the merger of the Pudukottai State)? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have a long list which, I confess, I cannot quite understand. If the hon. Member wants information which he does not have already and if he writes to me, I shall analyse and send it."

9 a.m. SRI S. VEMIAH :—" May I know the number of Scheduled Castes members employed in the two categories of Gazetted Officers? "

THE HON SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry the hon. Member did not warn me that he would go into this matter."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" May I know what the exact necessity was for increasing the number of Gazetted Officers from 24 to 36 within these two years? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is generally believed that the new administration has to be more efficient than the older one."